

Brownlow, Kellie

From: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta) <Dan.Klepal@ajc.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 12:01 PM
To: Brownlow, Kellie
Cc: Lee, Tim
Subject: RE: Request

I just want to be absolutely clear on this. You sent out a press release this week saying "our decision to move forward with the SunTrust Park partnership was never a choice between the Atlanta Braves and Cobb County parks."

I have asked you how those issues are unrelated, given that: the .33 mills of county-wide property tax originally dedicated to Braves stadium debt is the exact amount of the '06 bond issuance; the chairman said repeatedly that the stadium would require no property tax increase because property owners were already paying the .33 mills; that now as a result of lower borrowing for SunTrust Park the county is only obligating .23 mills for the stadium; and the chairman is now considering .1 mills for green space.

Your answer to that is: Dan, at the moment, we were negotiating a partnership with the Atlanta Braves on the ballpark, we were focused on what was perhaps the most transformational economic development project in Cobb County's history. Never once did I see such a moment as a choice between acquiring greenspace for Cobb County or a 1.2 billion investment in Cobb County.

That's what will be represented in the newspaper, unless you choose to give me a better answer.

Thanks, and have a great weekend!

Dan K.

From: Brownlow, Kellie [mailto:Kellie.Brownlow@cobbcounty.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 4:15 PM
To: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)
Subject: RE: Request

Dan,

Once again you are writing a story based on your pre-determined and preferred narrative. Even though Chairman Lee's answers and the facts don't fit into your narrative, his response is below.

Chairman Lee says the parks bond issue is not tied to SunTrust Park. And yet, he says that .1 mill can be used for the park bonds program. Isn't that because .22 mills is dedicated to SunTrust Park, and doesn't that mean that the two issued are connected?

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Dedicating .1 mill will generate \$19 million, when the full millage would raise \$29 million. Voters approved a \$40 million bond issuance. Why do they not deserve dedicating the full .33 mills to the greenspace program?

As your paper reported, as far back as 2010, (<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/millions-for-parkland-in-cobb-county-highly-unlike/nQcPB/>) this bond program was always based on a promise to residents that there will be no millage increase with the bond. I did not support a millage increase with the bond then and I do not support a millage increase now.

Kellie

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From: Kell, Sheri
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 12:15 PM
To: Brownlow, Kellie
Subject: Fwd: Request

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)" <Dan.Klepal@ajc.com>
Date: January 21, 2016 at 12:08:17 PM EST
To: "Kell, Sheri" <Sheri.Kell@cobbcounty.org>
Cc: "Lee, Tim (TLee@cobbcounty.org)" <TLee@cobbcounty.org>
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My story will publish tomorrow. Please answer these questions:

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Thank you.

From: Kell, Sheri [<mailto:Sheri.Kell@cobbcounty.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 8:04 PM
To: Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta)
Subject: Re: Request

Dan - Regarding the email correspondence you requested you will need to file an ORR.

Thank you,
Sheri

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On Jan 20, 2016, at 5:14 PM, Klepal, Dan (CMG-Atlanta) <Dan.Klepal@ajc.com> wrote:

Please provide the amortization schedule for the 1996 and 2006 park bonds issuances.

Thank you,

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